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MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ APPOINTS NEW CORPORATION COUNSEL



HARTFORD, CT—Mayor Eddie A. Perez has named Attorney John Rose, Jr. as the new Corporation Counsel for the City of Hartford. “I am very pleased Mr. Rose has accepted my offer to become our full-time Corporation Counsel,” said Mayor Perez, “as City Hall transitions to a new form of government this is an exciting time for someone with Mr. Rose’s credentials to enhance our day to day operations as well as the City’s interest concerning litigation.”

Last June Mayor Perez created an Advisory Committee comprised of 13 members to review the Corporation Counsel’s effectiveness and to make recommendations on how the Counsel can update and improve business practices. “Government accountability and efficiency continues to be a priority for me and by strengthening the City’s Corporation Counsel we’re moving in the right direction,” stated Perez.

Mr. Rose will become the first Black Corporation Counsel in the history of the City of Hartford. Mr. Rose is a long time resident of Hartford. He has been a principal with the Levy & Droney law firm since 1985. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. He was a member of the Yale Law School Executive Committee and of the Dartmouth College Alumni Council.

Mr. Rose worked in New Haven after graduating law school for the New Haven Legal Assistance Association as a neighborhood lawyer. He then worked for a year

as a prosecutor in the Chief Prosecutor's office for the old Circuit Courts, doing mostly gambling and narcotics cases.

In 1968, Mr. Rose moved to Hartford where he joined the Ribicoff & Kotkin law firm as an Associate. He became the first black lawyer in a major firm in the history of the State of Connecticut. In 1972 he became the first black partner in a major law firm in the state.

Mr. Rose is a trial lawyer involved primarily with commercial, construction and employment litigation. He has handled cases in all of the Connecticut courts, in New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts courts. He also practices before the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and other state and local administrative agencies.

Mr. Rose is a past Chairman of the Committee to Attract and Promote Minority Participation in the Legal Profession of the Connecticut Bar Association and is the Chair of the Bar Association's Joint Task Force for Equal Access to Justice. He is also a member of the CBA Nominating Committee. He is a past member of the Editorial Board of the Connecticut Law Tribune. He was a member of the State Judicial Selection Commission, appointed by Governor Weicker. He is a member of the National Bar Association and the Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity in the Criminal Justice System. Mr. Rose is a founder and past president of The George W. Crawford Law Association. He is also on the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Lawyers Group.